

Text of Hull's Letter to City Council About Taxes

Honorable Mayor and City Council
Council Chambers
Torrance, California

Gentlemen:

On July 2, 1958, the Board of Education sent a letter to the City Council listing some facts and responsibilities pertaining to new housing. At that time we told you that about 50 per cent of the cost of education comes from local taxes and that it cost at that time \$335 to educate a pupil per year. Two elementary schools, together with site costs at present rates can easily exceed \$1,000,000 in capital outlay.

The Planning Commission and the City Council saw fit to go ahead with the housing projects referred to. We are now in a position of attempting to find proper procedures for financing new schools.

In addition to the problem of housing the students, the problem of financing them at the current rate of \$357 per pupil and the increased rate, which will approach \$400 per pupil next year will require a 50 cents override tax in 1961-62. This is why the Board of Education requested your support on the coming tax increase election.

We would like further to call to your attention the fact that an individual house as typically built in Torrance produces usually less than 150 per house per year for education in Torrance, and many of these houses have two or three and even four pupils to educate. At the projected rate of 400, a pupil, it is easy to see that these houses are a burden to the property taxpayer.

An increasing problem that is facing the Board of Education is the fact that the school dollar is only financed now about 45 per cent by the State and about 55 per cent by the local district. In other words, the local property owners' share of the support of education is increasing.

Since the houses do not produce enough revenue to pay for the education of the children they produce by a good many times, it is essential that no more land which is now zoned manufacturing be converted to residential zoning unless you wish to increase the local property tax to finance the education of additional children as well as other city services.

The Board is fully aware of the fact that there are financial pressures that have more to do with some of these decisions than does the power and authority of the Council. However, a resistive attitude on the part of the Council to rezoning would result in a slower rate of development of the problem and would be beneficial from the point of view of services that have to be rendered by both the Council and the Board of Education.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. H. Hull
Secretary to the Board
of Education.

Take Your Sunshine in Moderate Doses, County Doctors Advise

Now that vacation time is here, millions of us will head for recreation spots to rest, relax and "get plenty of sunshine."

Just what amounts to "plenty" of sunshine, however is something that many of us will not discover until we have had too much.

The sun's rays are powerful medicine, and like all medicines should be taken in proper amounts. Too much exposure can produce serious ill effects.

SUNBURN OF varying degree has been experienced by most people; but if exposure is

continued and excessive, sunburn can result in chills and fever, nausea, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

Heat stroke, or sunstroke, develops because the body's built-in temperature controls have been jammed by too much applied heat and, instead of increased sweating, there is no perspiration. The skin becomes hot and dry. This could be fatal unless cooling measures are soon applied.

CERTAIN SUSCEPTIBLE persons may develop skin cancers when repeatedly exposed to sunlight. Others who are allergic to the sun's rays may develop hives.

The invisible, ultra-violet rays of the sun have little penetrating power compared with their close relative, the X-ray. They are absorbed by the skin and do not penetrate much below the skin's surface.

INCREASED SKIN cell activity is the body's way of defending itself against sunlight. It manufactures these cells and sends them to the surface to form the so-called "horny layer" of skin in an attempt to thicken the outside layer so that it can shut off the sun's rays. This is what occurs when we tan.

Tanning, then, is not so

much a coloration of the skin as it is an increase in the thickness of dead skin cells.

THE FACT THAT the sun's rays do not penetrate beyond the skin does not prevent them from affecting us internally. The activity generated in the skin cells produces certain by-products which are absorbed into the blood stream.

Ordinarily, the effect is good; but there are some individuals who are made worse by them.

THE UNCOMFORTABLE or even serious results of too much sunshine are in the mi-

nority. In proper dosage the sun provides a great source of energy which increases the sense of well-being and helps to relax the body as well as to increase mental activity. It stimulates general body metabolism, thus increasing the appetite, and also it is said to increase resistance to infection. But there is one thing to remember about it. In this case, you are the doctor prescribe it in moderation.

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